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Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously presented) A receiving stand as set forth in claim 16 wherein the at least one spring is a linear spring having one end connected to the lower end of the stanchion for conjoint movement therewith about the pivot axis of the stanchion, and an opposite end fixed against movement relative to the pivot axis of the stanchion.

6. (Original) A receiving stand as set forth in claim 5 wherein said receiving stand has a front end and a rear end, said portion of the stanchion extending above the pivot axis in the upright position of the stanchion pivoting substantially rearward and down relative to the bench upon movement of the stanchion toward its lowered position, said lower end of the stanchion below the pivot axis thereof pivoting substantially forward and up relative to the bench upon movement of the stanchion toward its lowered position, said opposite end of the at least one spring being fixed against movement relative to the pivot axis at a location substantially rearward of said pivot axis whereby pivoting movement of the stanchion toward its lowered position elongates said at least one spring such that said elongation of the spring generates a biasing force acting on the lower end of the stanchion to bias the stanchion toward its raised, upright position.